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Narcotics Rewards Program: Luis Rodriguez-Olivera

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ALIASES: "El Guero," "Luis Fernando"
DOB: April 3, 1972
POB: Tecalitan, Jalisco, Mexico
NATIONALITY: Mexican
CITIZENSHIP: Mexico
HEIGHT: 5 feet 09 inches
WEIGHT: 175 pounds
HAIR COLOR: Red
EYE COLOR: Brown

Luis RODRIGUEZ-Olivera and his brother Esteban were the controlling individuals in what has been labeled *Los Gueros* Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO). In December 2008, one time co-head of *Los Gueros* DTO, Esteban Rodriguez-Olivera, was arrested in Mexico, where he remains in custody awaiting extradition to the Eastern District of New York (EDNY). Los Gueros DTO continues to operate under the sole direction of **Luis Rodriguez-Olivera**. Luis, now the sole head of the *Los Gueros*, plays a vital role of cultivating and maintaining Sources of Supply (SOS) which are based in both Colombia and Peru, as well as overseeing the daily operations which once fell under the control of his brother, Esteban. Luis, in order to assure loyalty, relies heavily on assistance provided by his brothers Jose Alfredo, Daniel, and Miguel. *Los Gueros* have created and continue to grow a large scale distribution network throughout the United States as well as Europe.

The Rodriguez-Olivera DTO, which was originally based in Guadalajara, Mexico, is now on the run out of Leon, Guanajuato. Los Gueros are responsible for the distribution of multi-hundred kilogram quantities of cocaine into the United States and Europe. The Rodriguez-Olivera DTO has also been linked to the wholesale diversion of precursor chemicals, particularly pseudoephedrine, to support production and distribution of significant quantities of methamphetamine destined for the United States and Europe.

Historically, the Rodriguez-Olivera DTO had a strong working relationship with the Mexican Federation, a cooperating group of DTOs which occasionally share resourced such as transportation routes and money launderers. However, in or about 2005, the Rodriguez-Olivera DTO split from the Federation when Luis and Esteban Rodriguez-Olivera failed to pledge their allegiance to Ignacio Coronel-Villareal. When *Los Gueros* were asked to choose between the Gulf Cartel and the Federation, they chose not to ally with either. This neutral stance was not tolerated neither the Gulf Cartel nor the Federation would continue to work with *Los Gueros*. As a result, in order to continue their operations, *Los Gueros* relocated to Leon, Guanajuato. Once in Leon, *Los Gueros* established a strong relationship with *Los Zetas* DTO. This relationship was seen as necessary by *Los Gueros* due to the fact that *Los Zetas* controlled the routes in southern Texas needed to transship narcotics into the US.

Luis Rodriguez-Olivera and his associates were indicted in the Eastern District of New York in 2009 for Continuing Criminal Enterprise, Importation of Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute, Importation Conspiracy, International Distribution Conspiracy and a US $50 million criminal forfeiture allegation.

The U.S. Department of State is currently offering a **REWARD OF UP TO $5 MILLION** for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of **LUIS RODRIGUEZ-OLIVERA**.

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